AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1-34. (canceled)

35. (currently amended) A method for managing database application configuration data in at least one database system comprising at least one application master database node, at least one application replica database node, at least one application having access to the application master database node or the replica database node, at least one configuration management master database node and at least one configuration management replica database node, wherein the at least one configuration management master database node and at least one configuration management replica database node are for managing at least one of the at least one application master database node, the at least one application replica database node and/or at least one ~~and the at least one~~ application, the method which comprises the steps of:

storing new configuration data in the configuration management master database node,

synchronizing at least part of the configuration data to the at least one ~~the at least one~~ configuration management replica database node, and

altering the configuration of the at least one application master database node and/or at least one application replica database node and/or application on the basis of at least part of the configuration data of the at least one configuration management replica database.

36. (previously presented) A method according to claim 35, wherein the method further comprises the steps of:

storing information about configuration status of the application master database and/or application replica database by the at least one configuration management replica database node, and

synchronizing the information about the configuration status to the at least one configuration management master database node by the at least one configuration management replica database node.

37. (previously presented) A method according to claim 35, wherein a schema of the application master database node and/or a schema of the application replica database node is altered on the basis of the configuration data.

38. (previously presented) A method according to claim 35, wherein configuration parameters of the application are altered on the basis of the configuration data.

39. (previously presented) A method according to claim 35, wherein the configuration data comprises application software binaries.

40. (previously presented) A method according to claim 35, wherein the configuration data comprises at least one application installation program.

41. (previously presented) A method according to claim 35, wherein at least one configuration management replica database node is managed by a data management system, wherein at least one application master database or at least one application replica database is managed with the same data management system.

42. (previously presented) A method according to claim 35, wherein at least one configuration management replica database node is managed by a data management system, wherein not any application master database nor

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application replica database is managed with the same data management system.

43. (previously presented) A method according to claim 35, wherein at least one configuration management master database node is managed by a data management system, wherein at least one application master database or at least one application replica database is managed with the same data management system.

44. (previously presented) A method according to claim 35, wherein at least one configuration management master database node is managed by a data management system, wherein not any application master database nor application replica database is managed with the same data management system.

45. (previously presented) A storage media comprising a stored, readable computer program, wherein the program comprises instructions for controlling a database system or components thereof to implement a method according to claim 35.

46. (currently amended) An arrangement for managing database application configuration data in at least

one database system, the database system comprises at least one application master database node, at least one application replica database node, and at least one application having access to the application master database node or to the replica database node, wherein the arrangement comprises:

at least one configuration management master database node, and

at least one configuration management replica database node, wherein the at least one configuration management master database node and at least one configuration management replica database node are for managing at least one of the at least one application master database node, the at least one application replica database node and/or at least one ~~and the at least one~~ application;

a means for storing new configuration data in the configuration management master database node,

a means for synchronizing at least part of the configuration data to the at least one ~~the at least one~~ configuration management replica database node, and

a means for altering the configuration of the at least one application master database node and/or at least one application replica database node and/or application on the basis of at least part of the configuration data of the at least one configuration management replica database.

47.   (previously   presented)   An   arrangement
according to claim 46, wherein:

the at least one configuration management replica
database node is arranged to store information about
configuration status of the application master database
and/or application replica database, and

the at least one configuration management replica
database node is arranged to synchronize the information
about the configuration status to the at least one
configuration management master database node.

48.   (previously   presented)   An   arrangement
according to claim 46, wherein the arrangement comprises
means for altering a schema of the application master
database node and/or a schema of the application replica
database node on the basis of the configuration data.

49.   (previously   presented)   An   arrangement
according to claim 46, wherein the arrangement comprises
means for altering configuration parameters of the
application on the basis of the configuration data.

50.   (previously   presented)   An   arrangement according   to   claim   46,   wherein   the   configuration   data comprises application software binaries.

51.   (previously   presented)   An   arrangement according   to   claim   46,   wherein   the   configuration   data comprises at least one application installation program.

52.   (previously   presented)   An   arrangement according to claim 46, wherein a data management system is arranged to manage at least one configuration management replica database node, wherein the same data management system is arranged to manage at least one   application master database or at least one application replica database.

53. (previously presented) An arrangement according to claim 46, wherein a data management system is arranged to manage   at   least   one   configuration   management   replica database node, wherein the same data management system is arranged not to manage any application master database or any application replica database.

54.   (previously   presented)   An   arrangement according to claim 46, wherein a data management system is arranged to manage at least one configuration management

master database node, wherein the same data management system is arranged to manage at least one application roaster database or at least one application replica database.

55.   (previously   presented)   An   arrangement according to claim 46, wherein a data management system is arranged to manage at least one configuration management master database node, wherein the same data management system is arranged not to manage any application master database or any application replica database.